

TO: SMBNEP

CC: EPA Region 9

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RE: EPA Role in the SMBNEP

Introduction

The Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (SMBNEP) has asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to summarize EPA's role in the SMBNEP. The discussion below is necessarily a summary, although it does highlight the primary functions of EPA in the locally-driven National Estuary Program (NEP) partnership in the Santa Monica Bay.

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⁴ National Estuary Program - Program Evaluation Guidance, EPA, August 3, 2016, at page 3.